

## STITCHING FOR LITERACY CONTEST – BE A DESIGNER!

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**X's & Oh's** and **A NEEDLE PULLING THREAD** needlework magazine are joining together to support literacy – and stitching!

And due to requests from stitchers, we're extending the deadline so everyone has time to enter!

Here's how it works:

1. Up to 6 submitted bookmark designs will be selected for a bookmark leaflet, and a % of the proceeds will go to a literacy program.
2. The winning designers will each receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from X's & Oh's, a copy of the published leaflet, PLUS a ONE YEAR subscription to A NEEDLE PULLING THREAD needlework magazine!
3. Simply design, stitch, and finish a bookmark (following the guidelines set out on our website), and send it to **X's & Oh's** by **Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Be sure to fill out the form required with each entry!
4. The literacy challenge wins as well, as all bookmarks submitted will be donated to a local library, school or literacy program.

It's that easy... so start designing – but please read the CONTEST and DESIGN GUIDELINES posted on our website at [www.xs-and-ohs.com](http://www.xs-and-ohs.com) for complete instructions.

How do you involve the kids? Why not let THEM do the designing? Give each child a piece of graph paper, with a rectangle marked out (28W x 112H will give you a 2" x 8" design area), and let them go nuts!

To stitch their 'design', go over the graph and make sure each grid square is filled, and create a 'key' matching each colored square to a floss color! You can even submit the graph paper with the model, as each winning entry will have to be re-graphed into design software anyway!

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